



TRADE GROWTH IS SEEN IN ALL PARTS OF U.S.

Bank Examiners Make Hopeful Reports to Comptroller Williams.

STEEL BUSINESS IS GAINING STEADILY

Districts in the West and South Show Fastest Improvement.

DEPOSITS INCREASE IN SAVINGS BANKS

Improved business conditions in the United States are reported by nearly all of eighty national bank examiners who have made reports to Comptroller of the Currency Williams in regard to trade conditions. The sections west of the Mississippi River and in the South appear to be recovering from the recent depression much faster than the other districts. Increased savings bank deposits, a more active bond market on a higher level and greater stability as a result of economy applied in all lines are reported.

Lewis L. Clarke, president of the American Exchange National Bank, after a study of reports from many sections, says that conditions have improved and that the outlook for future prosperity is brighter.

OPTIMISM IN REPORTS.

Bank Examiners Tell of Better Conditions All Over U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A permanent improvement in business conditions has taken place recently, according to opinions expressed by 80 per cent. of the eighty national bank examiners who were asked for special reports on the outlook by Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams. Hopefulness in nearly every district is shown in a summary of the reports made public by Comptroller Williams today.

Agricultural conditions are said to be generally excellent and commercial lines with comparatively few exceptions are enlarging their activities mainly as a result of an increased demand for new business in preparation for the coming of good weather. Industries receiving orders for supplies from foreign countries are described as especially buoyant.

The Comptroller's summary follows: Further orders have been placed for cars and rails by the railroads and some large contracts have been made for structural iron for buildings in different portions of the country.

Although business has passed through a depression caused by the unusual conditions about the country, the result will be a permanent benefit. Business throughout the country has been stabilized through the application of economy. The economy has been applied in the manufacturer, merchant, farmer and individual.

Improvement in the South.

The South is showing marked improvement. The sale of cotton is active and advancing prices, with the result that all business in that section is feeling steady and pronounced improvement. The prospects for large crops generally are excellent and there will be a greater diversification.

The States adjoining the Missouri River and portions of the central West, although generally reporting an improvement, seem to feel the past depression to its greatest extent. Farmers, however, generally have had satisfactory results in manufacturing, with the exception of that to fill foreign orders, is feeling the improvement to the least extent. There is improvement, however, in most lines.

The bond market has become active on a higher level. Savings bank deposits are increasing and generally banks have an abundance of money. The tendency now is to curtail all needless expense and as a rule there is a lessened demand for money.

The following reports from large cities show well the trend of business conditions outside of farming communities:

Less Borrowing in New York.

New York.—There has been no time in the last three years that merchants and manufacturers were such small borrowers, indicating that the present situation is sufficient for their needs and that borrowed money cannot be invested profitably by them. Prices of edibles have declined a trifle. Industries connected with supplies of electric and radio, shoes, textiles, etc., are improving on account of the European war. The industrial market is active on a continued look. Regular steel business is picking up. Embroideries and lace are looking up. Lumber business is improving a trifle. Wholesale grocers are active. Electric and radio supplies are spotty, but not much below normal. Fertilizers are quiet. Value of stock and merchandise is in line with the market. The market is much better than it was.

Boston.—Strong feeling of optimism

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Mother Crushed Beneath Car as She Saves Child

Wife of Wealthy Manufacturer May Die as Result of Sacrifice for Daughter.

Mrs. Mary McIntosh, wife of J. E. McIntosh, a wealthy manufacturer of Auburn, N. Y., stopping at the Vanderbilt Hotel, was probably injured fatally yesterday afternoon when after throwing her daughter from the path of a thirty-fourth street car she was run down and crushed beneath the fender.

Traffic on the street was held up for twenty minutes and a crowd collected as policemen worked to get her body from under the car. After she was extricated she was taken to Bellevue and then removed to the Post-Graduate Hospital. She has serious internal injuries and concussion of the brain and may not recover.

Mrs. McIntosh with her husband and fourteen-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, came to New York last week on their way home from Palm Beach, where they spent the winter. They intended to leave this city tomorrow, and yesterday Mrs. McIntosh and Elizabeth were shopping. They had completed their purchases and were returning to the Vanderbilt when the accident happened.

The two started across Thirty-fourth street at Madison avenue. When they reached the car tracks Elizabeth became confused and ran ahead of her mother. An eastbound car in charge of Michael Walsh of 160 East Eighty-eighth street loomed up in front of the girl and she stopped on the car tracks. On the front platform were Policemen Fardon and O'Connor, who saw all that followed but were unable to prevent it.

Mrs. McIntosh saw her daughter's danger and sprang forward with a cry of warning. She seized the girl and threw her from the tracks, but the action checked her own momentum and before she could spring aside the car struck her. She was thrown down and dragged for nearly twenty feet before Walsh could stop the car.

Fardon and O'Connor jumped down and tried to drag Mrs. McIntosh out. She was unconscious and wedged so firmly that their efforts were unavailing. Persons ran from every direction and filled the street from curb to curb so that traffic was stopped and the movements of the rescuers hampered.

Fearing that she would die under the car if they waited until a wrecking crew could be summoned, the policemen ordered Walsh to back up the car and Mrs. McIntosh was lifted out.

Mr. McIntosh remained at his wife's bedside until late last night and when he returned to the Vanderbilt said that he could not sleep. Mrs. McIntosh was formerly with her husband, John McIntosh, who was head of McIntosh, Seymour & Co., one of the largest engine builders in the country. A nephew of Mrs. McIntosh-Seymour Corporation. The McIntosh family is one of the wealthiest in Auburn.

WOMEN WRONGLY TRAINED.

Paris Editor Says We Have Created a Third Sex.

BOSTON, April 8.—Robert Hughes Le Roux, editor of *Le Matin*, Paris, who is visiting here with his American wife, who was formerly Mrs. John Van Vorst, spoke on feminism today at a reception in the house of Mrs. Bayard Thayer.

"France we recognize but one vocation for a woman—marriage," he said. "The business woman is also a member of the third sex. She demands an equality with the men and the privileges which men have bestowed on women as well."

"The chief trouble lies with the education of American women. Women were not meant by nature for such education."

Runaway Ends Up on Top of Truck

Scared by Automobile, Major Smashes Up Two That Get in Way.

An automobile back fired with a blast like a siege gun near Major, a big brown horse attached to a delivery wagon standing at Twenty-ninth street and Fourth avenue, yesterday afternoon, and Major started right in on a rampage. He wound up somewhat later at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, after running himself by battering up two automobiles, and jumped into a truck, from which he was extracted with much difficulty.

Major's driver, Daniel Weinstein of 78 West 116th street, had left him alone and unhitched, so there was nothing to hamper his freedom of action as he bolted to Madison avenue and up Madison avenue to Thirty-fifth street, scattering teams and automobiles on the way.

At Thirty-fifth street he shot through past the carriage entrance of Altman's store and slewed into Fifth avenue headed south.

Then came the first smash. Major didn't bank well on the turn and the wagon skidded into an automobile driven by Thomas Cocker of 79 West Ninety-second street and bounced off it. Major started right in on a rampage. He wound up somewhat later at Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, after running himself by battering up two automobiles, and jumped into a truck, from which he was extracted with much difficulty.

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MISS GARRETT'S \$10,000,000 TO WOMAN FRIEND

Bryn Mawr's President Made Residuary Legatee Without Any Condition.

NO ACTUAL BEQUEST TO THE COLLEGE

BALTIMORE, April 8.—Miss Mary Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, will receive the bulk of the \$10,000,000 estate left by her friend Miss Mary Elizabeth Garrett, who was the daughter of John W. Garrett, late president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

This was disclosed today by the probating of Miss Garrett's will in the Orphans' Court here. Miss Thomas is the residuary legatee and also executrix under the will.

Had Miss Garrett survived Miss Thomas, Johns Hopkins University would have received the residue of her estate, under the provisions of the will anticipating such a contingency. Compliance with certain conditions were required, however, before the property could be given.

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Auto Somersaults; 2 Killed, 2 Hurt

Machine Leaps in Air and Turns Over When Round- ing Curve.

Brokers Wildly Try to Buy in Most Sensational Market in Years.

APPEARED CORNER: SHORTS FRANTIC

The great rise in Bethlehem Steel common stock which has been the feature of the market for many weeks came to an exciting point yesterday when a wild scramble to buy sent the price from 88 to 117 with scarcely a reaction. Not since the famous Rock Island episode several years ago or the collapse of the Hocking pool has Wall Street shown anything more sensational.

After the close it was said in Stock Exchange circles that the shorts were not permitted to settle privately. It was reported that a meeting for the purpose of making arrangements would be held upon somewhere last night, but these reports could not be confirmed.

Whatever may have been the impression created by the previous aspect of the market in Bethlehem Steel no doubt could have been felt over the market yesterday. It was again competitive buying, but it was buying by people who had to have the stock and had to have it in order to fill contracts. There is no reason to change the opinion that the main cause back of the rise had been accumulation by insiders or others who can afford to pay a big price. But buying of this kind was not directly responsible for the latter part of the rise yesterday, when the stock jumped from 100 to 117 in a few minutes after rising previously in the day from 88.

Here was buying of the panic-stricken sort that comes only from a short interest that sees itself locked in without hope of escape.

Natural Corner. The street talked about a natural corner in the stock, the intention being to distinguish between a corner brought about by manipulative tactics pure and simple and one created unconsciously by the law of supply and demand based on opinion.

The stock from an investment standpoint. There had not been a great public demand for Bethlehem Steel stock in the past few months. It would mean that the public's speculative instincts were dead or that the public had no money to buy with.

Apparently there has been no difference between the market for Bethlehem Steel stock and the market for Du Pont Powder or any other of the shares of the armament companies which have risen enormously in the past few months. It would mean that the public's speculative instincts were dead or that the public had no money to buy with.

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BETTER WORLD AFTER WAR SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

Looks for Great Spiritual Forces to Assert Themselves After Europe Has Emerged From Its Dark Night of Struggle.

44 YEARS A BANKER, NEVER HAD A PHONE

85. TAKES UP NEW WORK ON WAY TO SEE MOTHER

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The conviction that great spiritual forces will assert themselves at the end of the European war, to enlighten the judgment and steady the spirits of mankind in an address of welcome delivered at the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church here tonight.

"These are days of great perplexity," said the President, "when a great cloud of trouble hangs and broods over the greater part of the world. It seems as if great, blind, material forces had been released which had long been held in leash and restraint. And yet underneath that you can see the strong impulses of great ideals."

"It would be impossible for men to go through what men are going through on the battlefields of Europe and struggle through the present dark night of their terrible struggle if it were not that they saw, or thought that they saw, the broadening of light where the morning should come up and believed that they were standing each on his side of the contest for some eternal principle for right."

"Then all about them, all about us there sits the silent, waiting tribunal, which is going to utter the ultimate judgment upon this struggle, the great tribunal of the opinion of the world; and I fancy I see, I hope that I see, I pray that it may be that I do truly see, great spiritual forces lying waiting for the outcome of this thing, to assert themselves and are asserting themselves even now to enlighten our judgment and steady our spirits."

"No man is wise enough to pronounce judgment, but we can all hold our spirits in readiness to accept the truth when it dawns on us and is revealed to us in the outcome of this titanic struggle."

"It is of infinite benefit that in assemblies like this and in every sort of assemblage we should constantly go back to the sources of our moral inspiration and question ourselves as to what principle it is that we are acting on. Whether we are bound? What do we wish to see triumph? And if we wish to see certain things triumph, why do we wish to see them triumph? What is there in them that is for the lasting benefit of mankind?"

"For we are not in this world to amuse ourselves with its affairs. We are here to push the whole sluggish mass forward in some particular direction and unless you know the direction in which you want to go your force is of no avail. Do you love righteousness? Is what each one of us ought to ask himself. And if you love righteousness are you ready to translate righteousness into action and be ashamed and afraid before no man?"

"It seems to me, therefore, that it is worth suggesting to you that you are not sitting here merely to transact the business and express the ideals of a great church as represented in the State of Maryland, but you are here also as part of the assemblage of humanity, to remind yourselves of the things that are permanent and eternal, which if we do not translate into action we have failed in the fundamental things of our lives."

"You will see that it is only in such general terms that one can speak in the midst of a confused world, because, as I have already said, no man has the key to the confusion. No man can see the outcome, but every man can keep his own spirit prepared to contribute to the new result when the outcome displays itself."

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, April 8.—The Sun correspondent can now tell the story of the arrest and approaching trial on a charge of high treason of Anton Kueperle, a naturalized American citizen of German birth, who lived in De Kalb avenue, Brooklyn.

Kueperle was arrested some weeks ago on the eve of his intended departure for the Continent. The fact of his arrest and the various hearings before a police magistrate have been kept secret until now on account of the extreme importance to the State of the matters involved and the endeavor to deal adequately with the wide ramifications of German espionage in England which Kueperle's apprehension disclosed.

It is no exaggeration to say that the authorities consider Kueperle's arrest the most important of its kind since the outbreak of the war, enabling the authorities to lay bare a more elaborate system of obtaining valuable information of military and naval plans and transmitting them to the enemy. The worst feature of the case is that it reveals beyond the shadow of doubt that the most dangerous headquarters for dispatching spies to England are located in the United States.

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